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A SUNDAY MURDER!

JAMES H. BRADLEY THE VICTIM.

STABBED TO DEATH.

A GRAPHIC ACCOUNT OF THE CRIME.

A WOMAN CHARGED WITH THE CRIME.

Quite a sensation was caused in this city last Sunday afternoon by the murder of James H. Bradley, a young colored youth 21 years of age of light complexion, by Annie Taylor who is a dark skinned woman about 20 years of age. The tragedy occurred at 109 16th st. at about 2:30 p. m. Bradley was the adopted son of Mr. and Mrs. Jas. H. Bradley, 803 N. 6th st. and attended the Navy Hill School at one time. He was boot-black at the barber shop of Mr. Baxter F. Jackson, 13th and Main St.

THE VICTIM



*JAMES H. BRADLEY.

His body was taken to the Medical College where a post-mortem examination was held. He was very youthful in appearance and hardly appeared to be 18 years of age. He was about 5 feet 5 inches tall. Annie Taylor is a trifle taller. He was laid out on a table attired in a new suit of gray texture, which Mr. Bradley had given him a few days before. Near it was the casket furnished by Undertaker Henry Cooke.

The Coroner's jury viewed the remains after which they were carried to the house Monday at 4 p. m. where the funeral services were held. Rev. Dr. J. E. Jones officiated. Edwin Lavassayre Cooke, Samuel Miller, Thomas Duncan, Thomas Miles, Chris. Jackson, Robert Brown, Arthur Cabell, John Hayes and Thomas Marshall were pall-bearers. The following is the testimony before the Coroner's jury:

POLLIE WHITE,

the woman, who is said to have caused the jealousy which led to the murder said:

"I live at 109 16th st. I was in my room yesterday afternoon when Annie Taylor came up, and Jim [Bradley] peeped out of the crack of the door. I told him to get back I'd open the door. When I opened it she came in and I said, I ain't going to have any fuss in here. I took hold of his arm and told him to go to her. He went to her and she caught him in the collar and shoved him down the steps. She had a knife in her hand open. She did not cut him while he was in the house. He was one of her friends. I've seen him with her. He was no friend of mine. I knew him. He used to come around to see me now and then. She did not say why she wanted to take him away. She said when she came in the room. You d—red—b—, I've caught you. He said nothing, did not resist when she took him out. I had no knife. I did not follow her. I stayed in the room and went to the window. I saw her take the knife and stab him.

I SAW HER STAB HIM TWICE.

She said 'S—b—, die!' He grabbed at the black smith shop and pulled off a plank. She shoved him by the back up the street. Did not go out of the house any more until I heard he was dead. The blade was long and sharp at the end, kind of ridged black handle. I think the blade was as long as my fore finger. It was narrow pointed at the end. A knife was shown. Said the Coroner: 'No sir. It was a broad blade, narrow at the point. I saw the knife at the station house. Yes, I heard Annie Green say it had a ridged handle. The knife was produced. That's the knife. She had the big blade open. Jim did not owe me any money when he came out of my house. I never said anything about any 25 cents. I did not attempt to hit Annie. Jim did not tell me to let Annie alone and settle it with him. I had no words with him and no blows passed between me and him."

ANNIE GREEN,

who lives at 109 16th st. testified: "Sunday Annie Taylor came up the steps and knocked at somebody's door, she then knocked at my door and asked if Jim had been there. I told her yes. She then ran her hand into her apron pocket and took out a black-handle knife and

opened it. I saw the knife at the station house and also saw it when she had it in her hand. When she pulled the knife open she said, 'The red s—b—, I'll kill him today.' She went out of my room and then went to Polly's door. Polly said, 'don't make no fuss in here' and took Jimmie by the arm and shoved him out. Annie caught hold of Jimmie and shoved him down the steps. Polly said 'That's right don't have any fuss in here. Carry him out in the street.' Annie got him out-side the door into the street on the side walk. When she first cut at him, I cannot say she cut him the first time but I saw her stab him in the left side the second time. I was leaning out of Sally Gaines' window. She made two cuts at him, but cannot say she stabbed him the first time. She said 'Come on, Come on!' and he said, 'Wait a minute let me get my hat.' Some one gave him his hat from upstairs. I couldn't say who gave it him.

unless it was because he was sitting down talking to Polly White. He said nothing until he got to the black-smith shop where he pulled at a plank and staggered. He coughed and spit up a mouthful of blood. He coughed again and again spit up blood. He then said 'Oh, me!' That's all I heard him say. He went along with her quietly. He did not resist nor refuse to go. Yes, George Bailey was in my room that evening. He came up the steps as she came down. My door was not open when Jim came up. He shoved my door open. Annie and Jim were tussling. He was trying to keep her away from him.

SALLY GAINES

who lives at 109 N. 16th Street said: "Yesterday evening I was sitting down in my room. Annie Taylor came in and inquired for Jim. Annie Green's room and mine are one excepting she lives in the back part. I told her I did not know where he was. He had been in there but had gone out. Annie then went into Annie Green's room. She found out that he was in Polly's room and went there. Polly said 'Annie don't have any fuss in here. Jim can go out of my room.' Annie called Jim and shoved him down the steps. I saw from my front window what happened in the street. I saw her stick a knife in his shoulder and his side. He said, 'Give me my hat.' He went up the street with her and fell against the black-smith shop.

HE SPIT UP BLOOD.

He grabbed a plank. She pulled him and that jerked the plank off the fence. She said, 'You d—son of a b—die!' The knife was not open in my room. I saw her open it in Annie Gaines' room. I saw the knife at the station house. It was the same knife. She jerked him from the black-smith shop and he staggered up the street like a drunken man. I think they were standing face to face. I did not hear him say anything, but he caught her hand up once and she said, 'If you don't turn me loose I'll chop you in the face.'

RACHEL COLEMAN

who live on Union Street near Grace St., said:

"I live at 109 16th st. I was in my room yesterday afternoon when Annie Taylor came up, and Jim [Bradley] peeped out of the crack of the door. I told him to get back I'd open the door. When I opened it she came in and I said, I ain't going to have any fuss in here. I took hold of his arm and told him to go to her. He went to her and she caught him in the collar and shoved him down the steps. She had a knife in her hand open. She did not cut him while he was in the house. He was one of her friends. I've seen him with her. He was no friend of mine. I knew him. He used to come around to see me now and then. She did not say why she wanted to take him away. She said when she came in the room. You d—red—b—, I've caught you. He said nothing, did not resist when she took him out. I had no knife. I did not follow her. I stayed in the room and went to the window. I saw her take the knife and stab him.

ANNIE TAYLOR

"I saw nothing of it at all. Annie Taylor came to my house Sunday evening and said 'Let this old drunk on boy lay down.' Jim and Annie came in, and she called Mary Parker from up stairs and said 'Mary please bring me some water to wash my face. Then the blood was rushing from my mouth. When I jumped up and ran down stairs, Annie said, 'Don't say anything! I said, 'don't say anything about what?' Then Jim said, 'I am stabbed.' I said, 'Who stabbed you?' 'Annie Taylor stabbed me.' Annie told me a woman around on 16th Street by the name of Polly White had stabbed him. She then fell across him as he was laying down. She put his hat on her head and commenced crying. She said;

'MY JIM IS DYING.'

She then went into my back yard. She said to me, 'Don't you say nothing.'

MARY PARKER

testified: 'I live with Rachel Coleman. Yesterday evening I saw Annie Taylor run to the back door and throw the knife over the back fence into a white lady's yard. I was standing on the back steps and could plainly see her. When they first came to the house Rachel Coleman was up-stairs leaning out of the window. Rachel had finished cooking dinner and had eaten dinner. I did not hear any one call me down stairs. I have never

heard of Jim saying anything as to who stabbed him. I told Officer Goodman that I saw Annie throw the knife over the fence."

A LITTLE WHITE BOY,

Frank Porter identified the knife. He was playing in the yard and saw it when it dropped. He took it and carried it into the house. A policeman came and asked if they had found the knife. Her sister took it and gave it to him. He saw no one when it fell.

Coroner Taylor stated that he found one wound in the deceased's shoulder about 1/2 of an inch, the other to the left part of the back, entered the lung about two inches. Hemorrhage caused his death. He lived about twenty minutes.

This ended the testimony before the Coroner's jury. The prisoner, Annie Taylor, had been brought up from the jail, and was seated at the side of her counsel, Gen. F. S. Allen.

She appeared so nervous as to the result. At times the testimony of a witness would either provoke a smile or cause her to whisper to her counsel. The preliminary examination took place at the Police Court, Wednesday morning Justice John J. Crutchen, presiding. Edgar Allan Esq. represented the accused.

The following witnesses testified at the Court: L. H. Tucker, white, said, 'I saw a man and a woman run out of a door. I don't know who they were. I saw her strike him with her hand. I saw nothing in her hand. She had on a striped dress.'

GEORGE BAILEY

testified: 'She caught a fellow in the collar and pulled him down. He did not want to go, and then, because he refused to come she pulled him down. When she pulled him out to the street she stabbed him in the left side. I was standing at the door. I passed her and came down stairs. I had been in all the girls' rooms. Me, Jim and Davy went around there together. I saw her when she stabbed him somewhere in his left side. I work at the Petersburg factory, 22nd St.

We had not been there very long. I was upstairs in the entry when she got there. When she came in she asked where was Jimmie. She asked Sally Gaines and Missie. Then she asked Eliza. When Annie Taylor was in Annie Green's room I was in there with her.

I went down stairs when they began to fuss at the head of the stairs. I never had any idea that she was going to cut him until I saw her cut him. She had the knife. She opened it in Annie Green's room. She said in that room that he [Jim] shouldn't go up town. If he did he'd have to go stark naked. I did not hear her make any threats upstairs. Sallie Gaines was in her room, looking out of the window when the fuss was going on."

DAVID CARTER

said, 'I know nothing of the cutting. I only saw them when he fell in the street and said, 'Oh Lord, I'm cut to death.' I was in Mary Eliza's room. I did not come out before she came down stairs. The cutting was done before I came down. Indy Christian was in there. I went there with Jim and George Bailey. I saw him fall on Grace street and heard Annie Taylor say she struck him in the mouth. I was following on behind. I was near enough to him to help him up. She asked me to help him up and I helped him. I did not see that he was cut. I did not see any blood, save that which gushed from his mouth. I heard the report that he was cut when I was upstairs. I heard the women hollering out in the street. That's why I followed them. I heard some one say, 'Look how Annie Taylor is cutting Jim.' I didn't know he was cut, only I heard it."

ANNIE WILLS

testified: 'She brought him down to the door and she stuck the knife in him, and he said, 'Lord, have mercy.' Then I went into the house and shut the door.

CHRISTIANA PAGE

testified: "I was standing on 16th street when I heard some one coming down the steps. I saw Jimmie and Annie coming down the steps. She said, 'You d—red—b—, I've caught you!' She then cut him in the shoulder, and then stabbed him in the left side. I knew she stabbed him this time because she drove the knife so hard. When he got to the black-smith shop, he grabbed a plank. She pulled him so hard she pulled a plank off the black-smith shop which he had hold of. I was standing in front of Lessie Minors'. Lessie was not there. I heard him say, 'Lord, have mercy.' He called for his hat. Then she pushed him along up the street. I suppose she thought he stopped to get his breath. Then she said, 'Come on, Jim G-d—, you."

EMMA DAVIS

testified: "I saw her pull him out of the door and stick the knife in him. I live at 119 16th street. I got up and went in the house. He hollered, 'Oh, Lord!' I saw no one in the street. I saw her stick the knife in his side once."

VICTORIA GOWENS

testified: "I was sitting in the door. I saw her pull him out of the door and stick the knife in his side. She then carried him on up the street. He fell up against the shop and hollered. She shoved him on up the street. I then went on in the house and shut the door."

This ended the testimony. The case was sent on to the Hustings

Court. Editor Mitchell had endeavored to secure a photograph of the accused in order to have a portrait made. He secured the consent of the judge and the counsel, but she apparently objected. Wednesday he renewed his effort and succeeded in getting her to consent.

He accordingly secured a hack and in company with an officer went to the Richmond Photograph Gallery, 827 1/2 Broad St. An efficient colored photographer, J. C. Farley took her photograph. The faithful Court official Mr. Daniel Turner who accompanied her, also photographed. Annie Taylor spent one time attended Navy Hill School.

If you have indulged in eating or drinking, take a box of Simmons' Liver Regulator.

MANCHESTER.

marriage of Miss Harriet A. Roman to Mr. R. T. Waller took place Feb. 20, 1890, at 4:30 p. m., at the Fifth Street Baptist Church, Rev. A. P. Dunbar officiating.

The following were usher, Messrs. Thomas Redd, Charles Goode, Fleming Boldt, William Lawrence, Minis Hill, Geo. Berkley. The maid-of-honor were Misses Mary Alice Jones, Lillie Hill, Mary Baylor, Emma Q. Brown. They were presented with many handsome presents. The happy couple left on the C. & O. train at 9:15 o'clock p. m. The bride was attired in gold brown Henrietta suit, trimmed in plush. They arrived home last Monday at 6 p. m.

WALTERS—Sunday night at 8 o'clock Feb. 23, 1890, Mrs. Hannah Waters sister of Henrietta Brown, died in the triumph of faith. She was ready and willing for her soul to return back to the God that gave it. She was improving so rapidly that her death was unexpected to us all. She died of heart disease. She had been in the North 18 years and came home (to Richmond) on a visit for her health. She was a faithful worker in the Christian Churches in the North and also at home when she was able. She had a number of friends both white and colored in the North and at home. She leaves a husband, two children one of which is 6 years old and one 22 years, one sister and two brothers to mourn their loss. She died at the age of 50 years and was the beloved wife of Rev. C. E. Waters of Brooklyn.

Mrs. Rosa Jenkins, departed this life Feb. 20, 1890. She leaves one daughter, two sisters, one brother and a host of friends to mourn their loss. Her funeral services were held at the Second Baptist Church Friday at 3:30 p. m. She had been a member of the Second Baptist Church for forty odd years. The order of True Reformers of which she was a member, was out to pay the last tribute of respect to their dead. "Blessed are the dead Who die in the Lord."

A Rare Medical Treat.

The concert given by the Amateur Concert Company at the Ebenezer Baptist Church, Monday evening Feb. 17, 1890, was one of the grandest given in this city for some time. The solos rendered by Misses Louise E. Howell, Mary E. Smith, and Zemo E. D. Jones, and Messrs Conway Reide and Sydney Mayo were exceptionally fine.

The stump speech made by Mr. Conway Reide made a reputation for him which will be lasting. Miss Lena Vaughn presided at the organ with her usual grace. We predict a bright future for this young company. Mr. S. D. Jones is the manager of the class.

THE MUSCOE CASE.

The record in Muscoe's case was received from Charlottesville on Thursday. Mr. Hayes will at once apply for a writ of error and for a second time present this very important case to the Supreme Court of Appeals. Just what that court will do remaineth to be seen. If the Charlottesville Corporation Court be reversed and the case sent to some other corporation Muscoe will doubtless escape the gallows. But no one could expect a different verdict under the same facts and circumstances as in the last trial. The prisoner and even counsel was under gravest apprehensions of lynching.

Mr. Randolph W. Rose of Lynchburg is associated with Mr. Hayes in this case and from what we have seen and know of both these gentlemen, they will not lay down their arms until every last round has exhausted.

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Scholars promoted at the above school Feb. 10th Intermediate Examination. 1st Class A. Mabel D. Morris 93.2; Lillie Walker, 93.4; George Graves, 75.1. 1st Class B. Ada A. Johnson, 94.5; Wilhelmina Wilson, 89.8; Josephine Brooks, 86.4; Ruth Jasper, 83.3. 2nd Class A. & B. John Richardson, 90; Sumner Morris, 79; Dr. Norrell, 91.7; Upsher Funn, 83; Bettie K. Lewis, 93; Steward Henly, 86; Willie Brown 85; Willie Burnett, 81; Kate Robinson, 81; James Lewis, 95; George Liggins, 92; Eva Burnett, 96; Elizabeth Green, 92; Joseph Anderson, 90; Claude Stafford, 90; Julia Armstead, 93; Estelle, 92; Alfred Lee 98; Walter Rowe, 83. Teacher—Madame Fannie Payne Walker.

—The Mission Room is open at the Odd Fellows Hall, Franklin St., under the supervision of the Committee.

—Mr. Geo. W. Richardson who has been confined to his room the past ten days by rheumatism is now able to be out.

—Mr. J. H. Wilson of Keysville, Va., called on us.

—Mr. John H. Gray of Old Point called on us. He will head waiter in the Sherward Hotel. He was getting up waiters.

We have received a letter from "J. P. D." Lewisburg, West, Va., no name.

—Dr. H. L. Harris of Petersburg, Va., called on us this week.

Mr. W. H. Gordon of Fire Creek West Va., sends us two subscribers—Messrs. George Watts and B. M. Price.

—Mr. R. Lee Hemmings of St. Joy School at Toga, Va., has employed Mr. A. J. Bondrian, Supt. of schools in Buckingham Co., to attend to his new building. Mr. Hemmings is a wise but popular teacher.

Miss Florence E. Isham has been disposed during the past week.

Mr. Jas. H. Jenkins has been appointed assistant box-clerk in the Richmond Post Office.

Rev. R. Spiller, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Hampton called on us. He lectured to the Good Samaritans at their Hall, Navy Hill last Thursday night.

—If you are in need of Boots, Shoes, Trunks, etc., give Mr. George W. Bolling a call at Wertheimer's, 422 E. Broad Street.

MANCHESTER, Va., Feb. 24, 1890.

The chief topic of the day in Manchester is who will be postmaster of this city? A meeting of the colored Republicans of this city, we learn is to be called soon to endorse a man qualified for the position in every respect regardless of what has been said, that isn't in the question. We were told to take the back seat in the last campaign, and what was the result? Those of you who are posted as to the political condition of the State know as well as we. Further comment is unnecessary. We do not intend to keep silent our wants. "Nothing ventured, nothing gained." I would ask who are the Republicans of Manchester? Are they among those who are afraid of being ostracized?

We shall endorse a colored man because it is our duty. We want a man that has done service to the Party. We want a man thoroughly identified with the Republican Party. We want a man that can look upon his fellow men with a degree of respect, so as to cause the whole community to feel that they have the right man in the right place, and one that can be respected. Shall we sit down and wait with our arms folded for some one else to hew the line for us? We answer, no. The boon is ours, and especially so when we have the qualified material within our midst.

Ex-City Councilman, J. E. Hewlett, ex-Captain James H. Cunningham (of the Union Guards); Mr. Wm. H. Hughes, Sr., and many others, are qualified to fill the position and efficiently as any postmaster has as yet. There are among the names mentioned, many young men also who have been asked to allow their names to be used in this connection and in due time we will take pleasure in announcing them to the public. We can't say just now who will be the choice of the meeting. Whether he shall be from Chesterfield or from the city of Manchester we know not so let us have the meeting.

—The Bazaar given for the benefit of the Knights of Pythias of this city opens on next Monday night, (March 3rd) at Smith's Hall, on upper Hull St.

The following is the programme for the first week, Monday night there will be a drill by the Union Guard, Wednesday night a "Neck-Tie Party," Saturday night "Merchants of the City in their Costumes." Refreshments will be in abundance. A grand time is anticipated. ADMISSION - - - 5 cts.

—Rev. Dr. Binga continues quite sick at his residence on Decatur St.

—Rev. R. R. Graham administered the Lord's Supper at the First Baptist Church on last Sunday.

—Mr. A. Q. Powell who has been quite sick, is able to be out again.

Miss S. Alice Kemp. Madame Mildred Anderson-Cross. Miss Precilla Miles. In Old Folks' Home Concert. Old Folks' Home Concert. At the First Baptist Church. Smoke El Matador Cigar. 5c.

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